

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus ~~according to~~ of claim ~~1-13~~ wherein the drawing tap (12) ~~consists of a body (13) an electric valve (14) and~~ includes a tap element having a conical mouth (15).
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus ~~according to~~ of Claim ~~3-2~~ wherein the tap element (15) is ~~solidly~~ connected to the body (13) ~~through by~~ a chamber (22).
5. (Withdrawn) Apparatus according to Claim 3 wherein the tap (15) is free to move up and down in the chamber (22).
6. (Withdrawn) Apparatus according to Claim 5 wherein in the chamber (22) is present a spring (23) which pushes the tap (15) downwards.
7. (Withdrawn) Apparatus according to Claim 6 wherein the channel (16) at the end which enters into chamber (22) is closed by a needle valve (25).
8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus ~~according to~~ of Claim ~~1-13~~, wherein ~~the means regulating the hydraulic and electric functions are~~ operation of said apparatus is controlled by a software.

9. (Currently Amended) Apparatus ~~according to~~ of Claim ~~1-13~~ wherein ~~the~~ activation of the apparatus is performed by introducing a magnetic or chip card in ~~the~~ a suitable inlet thereof.
10. (Currently Amended) Apparatus ~~according to~~ of Claim ~~1-13~~ wherein ~~on the~~ housing body of the apparatus ~~by each bottle~~ includes a liquid crystal or luminous led-display showing the amount due for each draught ~~is present~~.
11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim ~~1-13~~, wherein the body (10) houses more ~~then~~ than one bottle.
12. (Canceled)
13. (New) Apparatus for the automatic drawing out of liquids from a bottle, by applying an inert gas to the liquid, wherein the bottle is kept in a vertical position, the apparatus comprising a housing body (10), lifting means (11) within said housing body, and a drawing tap (12), said drawing tap including:
- a drawing tap body (14);
 - a first channel (16) for receiving inert gas and for directing said gas into said bottle;
 - a second channel (17) for receiving said drawn liquid, said second channel having a first side and a second side;

a pipe (18) connected to said second channel at said first side for directing said drawn liquid from said bottle to said second channel;

a spout (19) connected to said second channel at said second side;

a chamber (20) defined within said second channel;

a valve (14) for selectively closing said chamber; and

a third channel (21) for receiving inert gas for cleaning at least said spout when said chamber is closed.

14. (New) Apparatus of claim 13, wherein said valve is electronic.

15. (New) Apparatus of claim 13, wherein said third channel (21) receives inert gas for further cleaning a portion of said second channel (17).

16. (New) Apparatus of claim 13, wherein said valve (14) includes a piston for closing said chamber (20).

17. (New) Apparatus for the drawing out of a liquid from a bottle, the apparatus comprising a housing body (10) and a drawing tap (12), said drawing tap including:

a first channel (16) for receiving an inert gas and for directing said gas into said bottle;

a second channel (17) for receiving said drawn liquid;

a spout (19) in communication with said second channel and through which said drawn liquid is dispensed; and

a third channel (21) for receiving inert gas and directing said gas through at least said spout.

18. (New) Apparatus of claim 17, wherein said tap further includes a pipe (18) connected to said second channel through which said drawn liquid from said bottle is removed in response to said inert gas being introduced into said bottle from said first channel.

19. (New) Apparatus of claim 18 wherein said tap further includes a valve (14) for selectively opening and closing at least part of said second channel, said spout being cleaned when said valve is closed.

20. (New) Apparatus of claim 19 wherein said valve prevents inert gas directed from said third channel from traveling through said pipe when said valve is closed and said spout is being cleaned.

21. (New) Apparatus of claim 19 wherein said tap further includes a chamber (20) cooperating with said second channel (17), said chamber (20) being closed by said valve (14).

22. (New) Apparatus of claim 17, wherein operation of said valve is controlled by software.

23. (New) Apparatus of claim 17, wherein activation of said apparatus is performed by introducing a magnetic or chip card in a suitable inlet thereof.

24. (New) Apparatus of claim 17, wherein said housing body includes a display for showing the amount due for each draught.

25. (New) A method for drawing out of a liquid from a bottle comprising:

directing an inert gas into said bottle in order to remove at least some of said liquid;

receiving said removed liquid in a channel;

dispensing said removed liquid contained in said channel through a spout; and

cleaning at least said spout following said dispensing step by directing an inert gas through said spout.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, further including the step of placing said bottle in a vertical position prior to said directing step.

27. (New) The method of claim 25, further including the step of closing off at least part of said channel after said dispensing step and prior to said cleaning step.